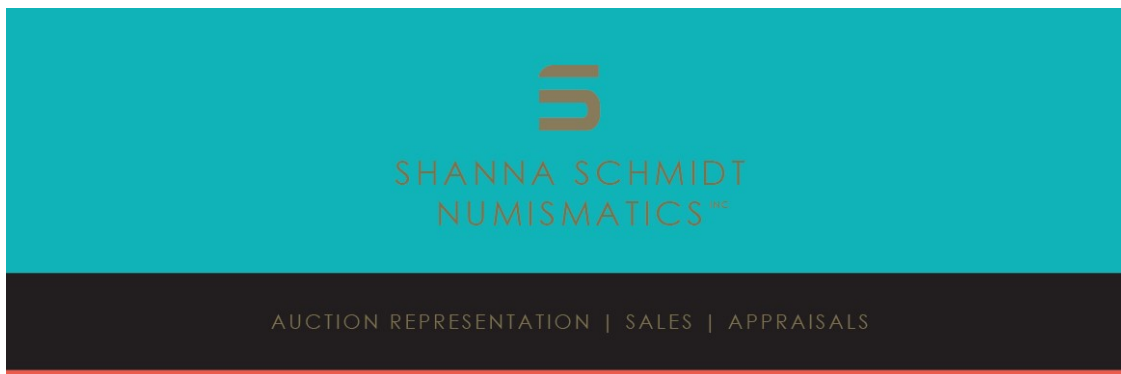


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Happy 99th Birthday Carl Subak!

One of my favorite people in the business is Carl Subak. Many of you know Carl because he has been involved in the coin business longer than anyone (perhaps aside from Eric Newman who died recently) as a dealer. Carl, along with being a savvy numismatist in his day, has the most amazing stories of attending auctions that collectors only dream of owning a coin from. Carl celebrated his 99th birthday last week. I was worried to hear from his son Jon, also a great guy and a fellow numismatist, that Carl was actually quite ill on his birthday with the flu. Thankfully he is making a nice recovery so I hope to catch up with him soon on one of our regular lunches.

Last week after I sent off my newsletter my husband commented to me “well, now you have done a year of newsletters”. Upon reflection I realize that many of you likely know more than you want to know about me! I try to stick to what is going on in the numismatic community in my newsletters but inevitably I have to or want to talk about what is happening in my life. I hope you find the newsletters helpful. If you do, drop me a line sometime and let me know what you like, dislike about them and more importantly if you think I can help you by improving them in some way. I really do them so I can feel closer to those that I work with or collaborate on some level.

That said, this week was a very marked departure from the previous weeks. It was extremely quiet and I don’t think that I participated in a single auction. In fact, the auctions that I mentioned in last week’s newsletter are happening starting on the 27th. I think the New York International tired a few of us out. I know I was.

Here is what is happening this and next week:

Agora Auctions Sale 72 (closes Jan 29)

Agora Auctions has their 72nd sale with 414 lots closing on Jan 29. This popular esale has been a great avenue for smaller dealers to put their material into the auction forum (I should know, I’ve done it myself with a few coins). While I prefer to sell my hand selected coins on my own without using the auction system I find that sometimes it allows me to “speak” to a customer that I might never get to know. In any case, there are lots of goodies to be found. Check out the next sale and please don’t hesitate to reach out if you need representation.

CNG ESale 413 (closes Jan 31)

I often wonder how the folks at CNG manage to get any sleep! They just finished their highly successful Triton auction XII and already they have had a few electronic auctions. I’m still recovering from NY! That said, their 413 closes on January 31 with 873 coins. Due to the popularity of their sales, it is getting more difficult to get a super deal, it is without a doubt one of the nicer electronic auctions that I see regularly. Check it out and please let me know if you need help. I’m routinely participating in their sales.

Künker Live Auctions (300–302) in Berlin (Feb. 1)

Künker is hitting a major milestone with their 300th auction taking place just previous to the Berlin Money show. There are two private collections being auctioned in catalog 300 and 301. Catalog 302 is comprised of “numismatic rarities”. There are no ancient coins in these three catalog but some fabulous world coins (mostly talers and a fabulous catalog of bracteates). If you are interested in bidding in this auction I may consider phone or online bidding if there is customer interest.



Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

IMPERATORIAL. Julius Caesar. Illyrian mint, possibly Apollonia, 48 BC.
AR Denarius, 4.00g (18mm, 7h). Head of Clementia (?) right /
Trophy with Gallic arms; below, CAESAR

Pedigree: From the E. E. Clain-Stefanelli Collection, NAC 92 (Part 1), Zürich 2016, lot 381
Price: \$2,100

This coin memorializes the triumph of Julius Caesar's army over the Gauls. The area of Gaul, mostly modern day France and Belgium, were under the control of various Gaulish tribes. One theory as to why the conflicts occurred were that the Gauls were overtaking more and more of the area slowly infringing on the borders of the Roman territory. The other theory is that Caesar, who was proconsul at the time, had accumulated tremendous debt and meant to plunder some of the area to alleviate his financial burden. Whatever the reason the war with the Gauls were Caesar's biggest military victory and helped to pave the way for his rise in power. One of the more memorable figures from the Gallic Wars was Vercingetorix, the king and chieftain of the Averni tribe, who has been portrayed in films and TV in popular culture.

References: Bab. 26; BMC 3955; Crawf. 452/2; Sear 11; Syd. 1009

Grade: Some deeper scratches on flan in front of face, otherwise, nice iridescence and wonderfully struck. Reverse is slightly off-center. EF
rr1058

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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